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Professor Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Professor Lederberg:

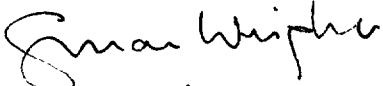
You may remember that I contacted you in the early 1980s concerning quotations for an article on the development of genetic engineering which was published in Osiris, one of the journals of the American History of Science Society. I very much appreciated your help at that time.

I am writing now to ask for your permission to quote from two of your letters which were deposited in the Recombinant DNA Collection in the MIT Archives in the 1970s. The material will be used in a comparative study of the development of recombinant DNA policy in Britain and the United States, to be published by the University of Chicago Press, and in an article for an academic journal.

I enclose the two quotations and look forward to hearing from you.

With my thanks for your help and best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Susan Wright

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In 1974, Joshua Lederberg wrote to the NIH director expressing his deep concern that "carelessness about the details of enforcement and compliance [with possible controls] may result in a smothering blanket that goes far beyond any needs that are reasonable for the problem."<sup>1</sup>

To Martin Kaplan of the World Health Organization, Lederberg wrote that "there really is great danger [of] the whole matter getting seriously out of hand and encumbering important research not only in molecular biology and in cancer biology but also in the study of pathogenic viruses generally."<sup>2</sup>

1. Joshua Lederberg to Robert Stone, 23 August 1974, RDHC.

2. Joshua Lederberg to Martin Kaplan, 23 September 1974, RDHC.